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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN PLANS TO OPEN NEW DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

1. ACTING DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST
DIVISION PETER POLANGYO TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 2 TANGOV HAD DECIDED
TO OPEN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN LUANDA, KIGALI, BUJUMBURA AND
BRUSSELS. MISSION IN LUANDA WOULD BE AN EMBASSY. OTHERS WOULD
BE CONSULATES GENERAL. IN CASE OF KIGALI AND BUJUMBURA, NEW
CONSULATES GENERAL WILL BE UNDER EMBASSY IN KINSHASA. BRUSSELS
CONSULATE GENERAL WILL BE UNDER EITHER EMBASSY IN PARIS OR BONN.
POLANGYO SAID REPRESENTATION IN BRUSSELS WILL PROVIDE TANGOV
WITH EASIER ACCESS TO EEC.

2. COMMENT: WE EXPECT TANGOV MAY HAVE HAD FOLLOWING IN MIND
IN DECIDING TO OPEN NEW AFRICAN MISSIONS:

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A. LUANDA. TANGOV HAS BEEN VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT NETO'S
REGIME. IT NOW EVIDENTLY BELIEVES NETO WILL BE AROUND LONG
ENOUGH TO MAKE NORMAL RELATIONS WITH HIS GOVERNMENT WORTHWHILE.
TANGOV MAY ALSO HAVE DECIDED THAT NETO IS NOT HOPELESSLY
DOMINATED BY SOVIETS AND CUBANS AND THAT THERE IS ROOM FOR
TANZANIAN INFLUENCE TO OPERATE.

B. BUJUMBURA AND KIGALI. TANGOV APPEARS INCREASINGLY TO SEE
THESE TWO STATES AS FALLING WITHIN ITS SPHERE OF INFLUENCE.
GEOGRAPHICAL
REALITIES FAVOR STRONGER TIES. WE WOULD EXPECT
THE TWO CONSULATES GENERAL TO FUNCTION AS INDEPENDENT EMBASSIES
IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH THE SEVERAL MINISTRIES IN DAR ES
SALAAM ALREADY INVOLVED IN JOINT UNDERTAKINGS WITH BURUNDI AND
RWANDA.
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